

REMARKS

Claims 5-13 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1-4 stand withdrawn.

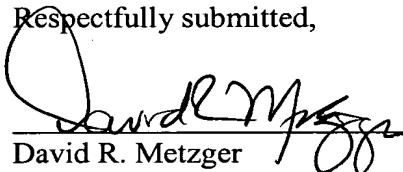
Regarding the objection to claims 5, 8 and 11, the noted informality has been corrected.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, claim 8 has been amended to include the antecedent bases noted in the rejection.

Regarding the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103, claims 5 and 8 have been amended to recite that the gas permeable film is made of a porous insulating material. It is submitted that no combination of the prior art fairly discloses or suggests the use of such a layer in the manner noted in the claims. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 5 and 8, and, *a fortiori*, claims 6-7 and 9-11, respectively, are patentable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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